



## **Fall 2024 college admission: Round 1 processing of files for students currently in Secondary 5 for the 2023-2024 school year**

**Wednesday, January 17, 2024** - In a context where the academic progress of Secondary 5 students has experienced different periods of interruption in a large number of public schools and postponement of the end of the second semester to a date that falls after the Round 1 deadline for Fall 2024 college applications, we understand that there are many concerns regarding the processing of files for students currently in Secondary 5. This joint communique from the three Regional Admission Services serves to address the questions from the secondary education network following the Fall 2023 strike.

First, it is important to know that the analysis of Round 1 college applications Secondary 5 students is always done using the following academic results:

- final grades from Secondary 4 obtained from the *ministère de l'Éducation*'s databases;
- the summary of Secondary 5 grades available before March 1 transmitted by schools, *centres de services scolaires* and school boards.

This information makes it possible to validate if applicants are eligible for their chosen program of study (compliance with general and specific admission conditions).

Moreover, should the number of applications exceed the number of available places in a program in a given CEGEP, the CEGEP will have to select applicants presenting the best potential for success in college studies. This selection process is supported by a ranking system based on academic performance set up by the Regional Admission Service with which the college is affiliated.

Under normal circumstances, Secondary 5 grades transmitted to the Regional Admission Services for Round 1 are either a summary of the first two semesters or only the grades of the first semester. This situation varies depending on the school. However, as you know, the *ministère de l'Éducation* postponed the end of the second semester by two weeks so that the students who missed school because of the strike can catch up on the learning program before the second semester evaluation. Consequently, only the first semester grades<sup>1</sup> will be available for Round 1 of CEGEP admissions since it is impossible to change the March 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

The manner in which secondary school is organized means that certain subjects or components of a subject are not necessarily evaluated each semester of a school year. As such, many are concerned about potentially missing grades. This is the case for French instruction language components since

this subject is a relevant indicator of importance to French CEGEPs when analyzing applications. In response to this specific situation, it is important to know that the grade to be processed for college admission is the summary (overall grade) of all components.

Regional Admission Services will check the transcripts received for the first semester and may contact schools if the absence of certain grades has the potential to be detrimental.

Because the second semester will end before the Round 2 deadline, a two-semester summary of academic results will be transmitted to the Regional Admission Services in March and will be used for processing applications in Round 2 and Round 3.

Regional Admission Services believe that the processes in place will allow its affiliated colleges to proceed with an informed and fair admission of students currently in Secondary 5 despite the disparities in school continuum specific to this year. For more information or assistance managing exceptional cases, please communicate with your Regional Admission Service.



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<sup>1</sup> If a school can produce a two-semester summary before the Round 1 deadline, the Regional Admission Services will accept it since the grades officially demonstrate the student's academic progress.